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☐ None of the figures.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B60N3/06

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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